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FOR EB/CBA - SEARBY FROM USDEL BRUSSELS CONFERENCE - WINTER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROGRAMME-CARRYING  
SIGNALS TRANSMITTED BY SATELLITE

1. IN OPENING SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ON MAY 6 AND 7, THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES WERE ELECTED: CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE - BELGIUM (GERARD DE SAN); VICE CHAIRMEN - HUNGARY, LEBANON, MISICO, MOROCCO, UNITED KINGDOM; GENERAL RAPporteur - U.S.A. (BARBARA RINGER); CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - SENEGAL (CHAIRMAN); CANADA, FRANCE, GHANA, HUNGARY, JAPAN, MISICO; DRAFTING COMMITTEE - FRG (CHAIRMAN), U.S.S.R. (VICE CHAIRMAN), CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, IVORY COAST, KENYA, SPAIN, (U.S.A. IS EX OFFICIO MEMBER AS GENERAL RAPporteur); CHAIRMAN OF MAIN COMMISSION - BRAZIL (JOAO FRANK DE COSTA); VICE CHAIRMEN - JAPAN, SWEDEN.

2. NO QUESTIONS OF REPRESENTATION HAVE ARISEN WHICH WOULD HAVE INVOLVED OUR DISSENT OR ABSTENTION.

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3. U.S.S.R., UKRANIAN S.S.R. AND BYELORUSSIAN S.S.R. RAISED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ISSUE BY PROPOSING ALTERATIONS IN NAIROBI DRAFT CONVENTION TEXT. SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS INCLUDE:

QUOTE ADDING TO THE PREAMBLE THE CLAUSE:

ADMITTING THE NECESSITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 2916 (XXVII) OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES:

ARTICLE.....

"EACH CONTRACTING STATE SHALL UNDERTAKE TO EXCLUDE FROM PROGRAMMES TRANSMITTED VIA SATELLITE ANY MATERIAL DETRIMENTAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, PUBLICIZING IDEAS OF WAR, NATIONAL AND RACIAL HATRED OR OTHERWISE AIMED AT INTERFERING IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES OR UNDERMINING THEIR NATIONAL LAWS, CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS."

ARTICLE.....

"EACH CONTRACTING STATE SHALL UNDERTAKE TO BROADCAST VIA SATELLITE TO FOREIGN STATES ONLY WITH THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE LATTER."

ARTICLE.....

"CONTRACTING STATES SHALL CONSIDER AS UNLAWFUL AND INCURRING INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, ANY BROADCASTS WHICH ARE ESPECIALLY INTENDED FOR A FOREIGN STATE BUT WHICH ARE MADE WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THAT STATE, AND ALSO ANY BROADCASTS WHICH CONTAIN MATERIAL WHICH SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAMMES UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS CONVENTION."

ARTICLE.....

"CONTRACTING STATES SHALL BEAR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL NATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE USE OF SATELLITES FOR BROADCASTING, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER SUCH BROADCASTING IS CARRIED OUT BY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND JURIDICAL PERSONS." END QUOTE.

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4. U.S. CHAIRMAN REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. SPOKE BEFORE THE

SUBJECT OF CONTROLS OVER THE CONTENT OF PROGRAMS BROADCAST VIA DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES WAS RAISED, THE USDEL FINDS IT NECESSARY TO MAKE A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT ON THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER.

THE PROPOSED CONVENTION BEFORE THIS CONFERENCE, BOTH BY DEFINITION AND IN THE HISTORY OF ITS DEVELOPMENT, IS WITHOUT COMPETENCE TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS SUCH AS THE POWER OF A COUNTRY TO CONTROL THE CONTENT OF PROGRAMS BEAMED INTO ITS TERRITORY FROM ABROAD BY DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES. THE QUESTION OF DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES, AND THE ATTENDANT QUESTIONS OF STATE CONTROLS OF PROGRAM CONTENT ARE QUITE PROPERLY BEING CONSIDERED IN THE COMPETENT BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. END QUOTE.

5. THE MAIN COMMITTEE AGREED TO EXCLUDE DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES FROM COVERAGE BY PROPOSED TREATY, THUS MAKING SOVIET PROPOSALS LESS RELEVANT. NEVERTHELESS, THE U.S.S.R. PROPOSALS WILL BE CONSIDERED LATER ON IN CONFERENCE, AND REMAIN POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME. STRAUSS-HUPE

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